OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

WORKING CLASS COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBER FOR KOLAR GOLD FIELDS AREA FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1946.

A Rise of 4 6 points.

The cost of Living **Index number** of the Working Classes in the Kolar Gold Fields Area, for the month of February 1946, works up to 218·5 showing a rise of 4·6 points over the previous month's figure.

As compared with the previous month, the Food Index advanced by 6·5 points to 249·1 on account of a rise in the prices of Turdhal Bengalgram, Dhal, Avaredhal, Jaggery, Fish, Meet, Onions, Gingelly Oil, Chillies, Tamarind and Garlic.

The Index Number of the "Fuel and Lighting" group rose by 0·8 points to 225·1 due to increase in the price of castor oil.

An increase in the price of Dhoties and coating accounted for a rise in the index number of the clothing group by 0·8 points to 157·1.

The Index Numbers of the House Rent and Miscellaneous groups remained constant. (Average prices from July 1935 to June 1936-100).

Name of the Articles	Unit of quantity	Weights proportional to total expenditure	Average price per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1946	January 1946	February 1946	Index Numbers: Jan. 1946	February 1946
Food—			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Raw Rice	...Seer measure	3·5	0 2 0	0 4 7	0 4 7	229	229
Boiled Rice	... ,,	36·9	0 2 1	0 4 7	0 4 7	220	220
Ragi	... ,,	11·1	0 0 11	0 2 8	0 2 8	291	291
Blackgram Dhal	... ,,	0·4	0 2 11	0 10 8	0 10 8	366	366
Tur Dhal	... ,,	4·2	0 2 8	0 7 3	0 7 8	272	288
Bengalgram Dhal	... ,,	0·8	0 1 11	0 7 2	0 7 4	374	383
Avare Dhal	... ,,	0·6	0 2 1	0 7 1	0 7 6	340	360
Greengram	... ,,	0·6	0 1 11	0 6 10	0 6 8	357	348
Sugar	... Seer wt.	0·5	0 1 4	0 2 3	0 2 3	169	169
Jaggery	... Viss	2·8	0 3 3	0 8 6	0 8 11	262	274
Coffee seeds	... Seer wt.	1·8	0 4 0	0 10 3	0 10 3	256	256
Fish	... ,,	2·1	0 3 6	0 6 4	0 6 7	181	188
Meat	... 2 lbs.	9·0	0 8 0	1 5 0	1 8 0	263	300
Milk	...Seer measure	2·8	0 3 3	0 4 0	0 4 0	123	123
Curds	... ,,	0·6	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0	100	100
Onions	... Viss	0·8	0 1 4	0 4 9	0 4 10	356	363
Ghee	... Seer wt.	1·1	0 6 0	0 10 4	0 10 0	172	167
Gingelly oil	... ,,	3·2	0 2 0	0 6 0	0 6 9	300	338
Cocoanut	... Each	0·8	0 1 2	0 2 6	0 2 1	214	179
Groundnut oil	... Seer wt.	0·6	0 1 7	0 5 0	0 4 11	316	311
Salt	...Seer measure	1·3	0 1 2	0 2 0	0 2 0	171	171
Chillies	... Viss	4·0	0 7 8	2 4 7	2 6 2	477	498
Tamarind	... ,,	1·4	0 2 7	0 3 0	0 3 3	116	126
Coriander	...Seer measure	1·2	0 1 4	0 8 0	0 8 0	600	600
Garlic	... Seer wt.	0·6	0 2 0	0 4 7	0 4 10	229	242
Soji	...	0·3	0 1 2	0 1 2	0 1 2	100	100
Vegetables	...	3·8	0 12 4	0 12 4	0 12 4	100	100
Ready made coffee	...	3·2	0 12 3	0 12 3	0 12 3	100	100
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Number of all food articles		...	...	...	...	242·6	249·1
Fuel and Lighting.—							
Firewood	... Maund	75·1	0 2 0	0 4 7	0 4 7	229	229
Castor Oil	... Seer	7·8	0 2 3	0 7 0	0 7 6	311	333
Kerosene Oil	... Bottle	12·1	0 2 3	0 3 8	0 3 6	163	156
Matches	... Box of 40 sticks	5·0	0 0 3	0 0 5	0 0 5	167	167
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index No.—Fuel and Lighting	...	...	...	...	...	224·3	225·1

Name of the Articles	Unit of quantity	Weights proportional to total expenditure	Average price per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1936	January 1946	February 1946	Index Numbers: Jan. 1946	February 1946
Clothing—			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Dhoties	... Pair of 8 yds.	9·3	2 1 0	3 13 8	3 13 8	186	187
Cloth for Pyjamas	Yard	1·7	0 4 4	0 10 1	0 10 1	233	233
Coating	.... ,,	20·4	0 6 5	0 10 6	0 10 9	164	168
Shirting	... ,,	14·7	0 5 0	0 7 6	0 7 6	150	150
Sarees	... Each	39·4	3 3 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	133	133
Cloth for Jackets, etc.	Yard	14·5	0 5 3	0 9 10	0 9 10	187	187
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Number of clothing	...	...	...	...	...	156·3	157·1
House rent	... ...	100·0	0 10 9	0 10 9	0 10 9	100	100
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Number for House rent	...	...	...	...	...	100·0	100·0
Miscellaneous—							
Barber	... ...	14·5	0 9 1	0 9 1	0 9 1	100	100
Soap for washing	... ...	20·0	0 12 6	0 12 6	0 12 6	100	100
Soapnut powder	... ...	5·2	0 3 3	0 3 3	0 3 3	100	100
Supari	... ...	14·1	0 8 10	0 8 10	0 8 10	100	100
Beedies	... ...	15·7	0 9 10	0 9 10	0 9 10	100	100
Travelling expenses	...	6·7	0 4 2	0 4 2	0 4 2	100	100
Flowers	... ...	3·9	0 2 5	0 2 5	0 2 5	100	100
Amusements	....	8·1	0 5 1	0 5 1	0 5 1	100	100
Charges for grinding	... ...	6·1	0 3 10	0 3 10	0 3 10	100	100
Bedding and household necessaries		5·7	0 3 6	0 3 6	0 3 6	100	100
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Number—Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	100·0	100·0

Group	Weight proportional to total expenditure	Index Numbers: January 1946	February 1946
Food	70·9	242·6	249·1
Fuel and Lighting	6·2	224·3	225·1
Clothing	9·1	156·3	157·1
House Rent	2·1	100·0	100·0
Miscellaneous	11·7	100·0	100·0
Total ...	100·0	...	...
Cost of Living Index Numbers...	...	213·9	218·5

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